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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, and in compliance with CFR §1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed. Applicant(s) make no admission that the enclosed documents are prior art to the present invention.
2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a corresponding U.S. Patent is enclosed or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth on an attached sheet.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

U.S. Patent No. 2,293,065

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>Patent No.</u></b>	<b><u>Relevance</u></b>
EP 0 899 136 A1	See attached English abstract.
DE 35 29 463 C2	See attached English abstract.
DE 36 28 449 A1	See attached English abstract.
DE 72 02 132	Discloses a device for adjusting an air flow, in particular for air venting or conditioning systems. The device comprises a housing 1, a plurality of pivoted vanes 2 and an adjusting element 5 which is displaceable in the lengthwise direction of housing 1. The vanes are supported by bearing pins 3 and are entrained by the adjusting element via a slotted link guide 4, 6 (cf. Figures 1 and 3).

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DE 195 28 302 A1

DE 197 28 305 C2

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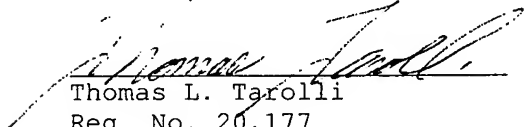
Relevance

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Discloses an air vent comprising a plurality of vanes 4 to 6, a frame 7 and two control plates 2, 3. The idea behind the invention is to achieve an orientation of the vanes 5 and 4 that is different from the orientation of the other vanes 6 (see Fig. 2).

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